

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO INDEPENDENT CLAIMS**

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1. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

a first session initiation protocol (SIP) proxy, configured to: support routing of communications for a first plurality of clients in a first region, wherein the communications comprise push-to-talk communications, and to store a value of a local domain for the first region;

a second SIP proxy, configured to support routing of the communications for a second plurality of clients in a second region; and

a third SIP proxy, configured to support routing of the communications between the first SIP proxy and the second SIP proxy,

wherein the first SIP proxy is further configured to: determine that an incoming request for push-to-talk communication is local to the first region based on the stored value of the local domain, set up a push-to-talk communication in the first region upon determining the request for push-to-talk communication is local, and set up the push-to-talk communication in the second region upon determining the request for push-to-talk communication is not local.

29. (Currently Amended) A method for routing session initiation protocol (SIP) messages between a first client served by a first SIP proxy in a first region and a second client served by a second SIP proxy in a second region, the method comprising:

receiving, at a third SIP proxy, a SIP message from the first client, via the first SIP proxy, destined for the second client, wherein the SIP message is configured to facilitate a push-to-talk communication for the first client, and wherein the third SIP proxy is configured to store a value of a local domain;

determining, at the third SIP proxy, that the push-to-talk communication is local based on the stored value of the local domain;

upon determining the push-to-talk communication is not local, determining the second SIP proxy serving the second client; and

routing the SIP message to the second client via the second SIP proxy.

66. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

means for receiving a session initiation protocol (SIP) message destined for a first client, wherein the SIP message is configured to facilitate a push-to-talk communication for the first client;

means for storing a value of a local domain;

means for determining that the push-to-talk communication is local based on the stored value of the local domain;

means for determining a first SIP proxy serving the first client upon determining the push-to-talk communication is not local; and

means for routing the SIP message to the first client via the first SIP proxy.

76. (Currently Amended) A tangible computer readable medium with logic stored thereon that, upon execution of which by a network element, causes the network element to perform operations comprising:

receiving a session initiation protocol (SIP) message destined for a first client, wherein the SIP message is configured to facilitate a push-to-talk communication for the first client;

storing a value of a local domain;

determining that the push-to-talk communication is local based on the stored value of the local domain;

upon determining the push-to-talk communication is not local, determining a first SIP proxy serving the first client; and

routing the SIP message to the first client via the first SIP proxy.